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Capt. Isaac Washington, 53, died at his home in West Mystic avenue on Thursday after a long illness due to infirmities of age. He followed the water when a young man, but for the past 20 years had retired from active life. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Amy Bradley, a grandson and a granddaughter.

The funeral of Mrs. Georgianna Cottrell, widow of Charles H. Cottrell, who died at the home of her daughter, at Sound Beach, N. Y., Saturday, was held from the home of Mrs. Charles Dodge on Cottrell street on Thursday afternoon. Rev. J. R. Danforth of New London, a former pastor of the Mystic Bridge Congregational church, conducted the service. Burial was in Mystic in Elm Grove cemetery. Her only daughter, Mrs. Fred Eichelberger, of Montana, arrived Wednesday to attend the funeral.

Rev. Allan Shaw Bush of Gales Ferry will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Jerome Greer. Mrs. Charles Greer and children of Boston are guests of Mrs. W. W. Parker. Mr. and Mrs. William F. MacKenzie have returned to Pittsfield, Mass., after a visit with Harry B. MacKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis of Boston are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Brand. Mr. and Mrs. William F. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Brown MacKenzie, Mrs. Robert Adamson and Harry B. MacKenzie motored to Providence Wednesday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John H. MacKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pletcher and family have returned to Boston after a month's visit in Mystic and at Groton Long Point.

Samuel Stewart, U. S. A., has returned after 13 months overseas and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Holmes and son have returned to Bridgeport after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Holmes.

Capt. and Mrs. Rowland H. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Phillips are on an automobile trip to Northfield, Mass.

Mrs. Conrad Kretzer entertained her aunt, Mrs. Julia Dean, of Plainfield, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolfe have returned from a visit at Niagara Falls. Herbert W. Davis of New York is spending his vacation in town.

NEW LONDON'S WATER SITUATION

(Special to The Bulletin.)

New London, Aug. 5.—There is at least one resident of New London, and no doubt there are many more who are wondering how in the deuce two of the prominent residents of the city, one a leading business man and the other a leading business man, happened to know that New London was contemplating increasing the source of water supply, sought out and bought Miller's pond, simply as a matter of speculation, believing that the city would eventually purchase the property at a price that would net the purchasers not less than \$10,000 and possibly half as much more. It is a safe bet that some resident of New London, but more likely some business man of Groton, put the Western gentlemen wise to the proposition. Be that as it may, the Western men sent their attorney to make the purchase and the work was very satisfactorily accomplished for his clients. So far so good.

The next move was to get the city interested in the purchase of Miller pond. The chamber of commerce was selected as the channel. A committee of that body made examination and the project as a matter of course was favorably reported. The report was promulgated in the newspapers and as a result there was just a little newspaper controversy between the chairman of the committee and the president of the water board.

The board of water commissioners and the superintendent who have made exhaustive study of the situation had favored a plan of adding to the supply of water that did not include Miller pond, but rather a watershed that had been designated as Bogue brook, as connection with Lake Konomoc could be made by pipe line and gravity, while a pumping station would have to be maintained in the Miller pond case. The water board insisted that the plan they proposed for the best interest of all concerned and was against the purchase of Miller pond.

Right here is where the chairman of the chamber of commerce committee stepped in, and from a motive best known to him and those back of him, started propaganda that has for its purpose the purchase of Miller pond. First, the water board was discredited by statements to the effect that it was about time its wings were clipped, its authority curtailed, and its judgment in the special matter in which its members are trained be ignored, and that the matter of adding to the source of water supply was decided by the intelligent members of the court of common council, though it is conceded all are not authority on water supply.

The representative of the chamber of commerce, who may possibly also be a sort of agent for the new owners of the pond, sent a letter to each member of the court of common council urging that body to take a stand against the proposition of the water board of rejecting the Miller pond plan. This resulted in deferred action and the appointment of a committee of the council to investigate and report. At the council meeting this month the committee succeeded in having a vote passed authorizing the committee to engage an engineer to assist them in reaching a conclusion.

They did not want the engineer of the water board who has been in charge of the system since its inception, nor did they want the board to name any other engineer. Nor did they want an engineer of their own choice, one that would represent their cause, like some of the engineers on the witness stand who would act in the interest of the side he was called to assist.

It is respectfully suggested to the committee that the engineer to be engaged be specially versed in the matter of water supply who has practical experience in that line, one who would be absolutely impartial if such a thing be possible. The committee at the same time ought to practice a little economy in this line and not get an expert engineer far distant from New London, whose traveling and other expenses would dig deep into the people's money. There is a man over in Westerly, the home town of the water board, who could fill the bill almost to perfection, could be induced to act. He is busy just at this time supervising the construction of a sewer system of his own planning, but he might get a day off now and then to help the committee reach a satisfactory conclusion.

His name is Thomas McKenzie, his address Westerly, R. I., and he, like Superintendent Richards of New London, has been in charge of the Westerly water works since it came into existence, and knows the business from the beginning to the end. He is a practical and studious civil engineer with water works as a specialty, and keeps a record right up to the minute with all that pertains to his business. Under his investigation the committee would get what they call a square deal, as Mr. McKenzie is the kind of a gentleman that would play

no favorites in a matter of so much importance to the city of New London. He would also act fairly towards his fellow townsmen, who are financially interested in the outcome.

When the Miller pond project was being considered some twenty-five years ago, more or less, as a source of water supply for the city of New London, the whole matter was pretty thoroughly investigated. It would perhaps be well for the investigating committee to look back in the records or newspapers of that time and perhaps they may get some information that might be overlooked in the present investigation. The water board and the court of common council that has a representative on the board, appointed by the council. The other members are elected by the people and are responsible to the people.

The board asks for an appropriation to meet the expense of the added water supply through bond issue, (which is a part of the routine that requires the approval of the court of common council. If Miller pond is better than any water source, the water better for domestic use, the supply abundant, that's what the people want, whether it has to be pumped or flow naturally. The financial matter in the transaction does not interest the people of New London at this stage. Possibly a little public spirit on the part of the members of Miller pond at this time might have been a saving grace, but all these who are not interested in the sale of Miller pond to the city of New London. However, it is a strictly honorable and honest speculation.

The Miller pond property has been for sale many years and with the full knowledge of the board of water commissioners and the engineer. The board is familiar with the adaptability of the property as a source of water supply. Therefore, the board has decided that Miller pond is preferable to Bogue brook, and that the board of water commissioners was mistaken in selection. The Miller pond plan, there should be no fault found in the event the city is called upon to pay a price for the property over the purchase price of the present owners, as the latter are not at fault. It was perfectly proper for the Western gentlemen to select the Miller pond property as a speculation and make in a substantial profit. That's legitimate business and the gentlemen would not engage in business that was not strictly on the level, so far as they personally are concerned.

If the Miller pond property is needed to give New London an increased and adequate water supply it ought to be secured at any price. If the Bogue property is preferable, of course the Miller pond ought not to be given away. The selection of the Miller pond property seems to be, whether the board of water commissioners or the court of common council is the most competent to decide.

Mayor Morgan evidently made a mistake when he appointed Alderman Curtis a practically new man to New London, and his great credit for he is an earnest man. It has been publicly proclaimed in the town square that he is a great credit to the city. He has been called to the attention of the two most important standing committees of the court of common council, the committee on finance and the committee on streets and sidewalks. That the mistake has been made is true for the mayor himself said so, and it's greatly to his credit for he is an earnest man. It has been publicly proclaimed in the town square that he is a great credit to the city. He has been called to the attention of the two most important standing committees of the court of common council, the committee on finance and the committee on streets and sidewalks. That the mistake has been made is true for the mayor himself said so, and it's greatly to his credit for he is an earnest man.

They were urged to remain by the mayor who assured the dissatisfied members that when the council year ended in December there would be changes in the chairmanships of the standing committees. It is nothing new for the mayor to do this. He has been doing it for years. The committee on streets and sidewalks has been doing it for years. The committee on finance has been doing it for years. The committee on streets and sidewalks has been doing it for years. The committee on finance has been doing it for years.

Since his entry into public life, in official capacity, a dozen years ago Mayor Morgan has never shown any friendliness towards the trolley company operating in this city.

About kicked the service against the use of cars with folding tops, against the double track in a part of the city, against the abandonment of ten minutes schedule, against the lack of transfer system, and even called for public utility commission to compel the trolley company to do those things the company did not want to do. He has always been an opponent of the way the trolleys were operated. So much so, that in this correspondence some time ago it was suggested that he was just the man the trolley company was looking for, a man that knew just what the trolley company needed, a man that would suit every individual patron.

During the present strike, Mayor Morgan, who is friendly to the trolley company, did the very best he could to bring about a settlement. He called in the trolley officials and even directed the trolley company to the trolley men's union, too, and labored hard for an amicable adjustment, so that the trolley cars would resume and restore the business of the city to the normal. He succeeded in getting propositions from the company that looked good to him. When these were submitted to the representatives of the strikers they were turned down without ceremony. Whereupon the mayor expressed opinion that the trolley men made a mistake.

For this endeavor to do a good turn, as he supposed, he was attacked from the public platform and by communications in the public press. He has been charged with everything, except as a friend of the laboring classes. He has been charged with deception, with favoring the trolley company, with making other things of which he is an innocent as the new born babe. The mayor has received many knocks in the past, but as the celebrated John Danforth used to say on every avail-

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SUNDAY SUBJECTS

At A. M. E. Zion church a well known business man will speak at the evening service.

At the First Baptist church, Rev. A. T. Brown will preach at 10:30 a. m. There will be Sunday school at noon.

Union services at the United Congregational church at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "The Call of the Trumpet."

The Sunday services at Christ Episcopal church will be as follows: 8 a. m., holy communion; 10:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon. Rev. Theodore D. Martin of Worcester, Mass., will officiate.

At Trinity M. E. church, Rev. E. A. Legg, pastor, there will be morning service with sermon by Rev. M. D. Plaxton of Taunton, Mass. There will be Sunday school at noon and meeting at the Epworth league at the usual hour.

At Mt. Calvary Baptist church, Rev. J. S. Blake, pastor, there will be morning service at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "The Flight to Egypt." There will be Sunday school at noon, and at 3:30 o'clock the pageant parade will open with an address by His Honor, Mayor J. J. Desmond.

At the Central Baptist church at the evening service Rev. J. L. Lackey, D. D. of Hartford, will preach. There will be a service in Italian at 10:45 o'clock and Sunday school at noon. The Y. P. C. meeting will be held at the usual hour, as will also the evening service. Rev. J. L. Lackey will preach.

At the Greenview Congregational church Sunday-morning the pastor will preach at 10:30. Subject: Paul's Resurrection of the Dead. At the close of the morning service the church will be asked to vote on a matter of great importance to pastor and people. The Sunday school will be held at noon.

JEWETT CITY

Sunday morning at the Baptist church the subject of the Rev. M. D. Plaxton's sermon will be "The Bread of Life." The music will be by the junior choir. The communion service will follow the morning service. Young People's meeting at 6:15 p. m. The current topic for the evening service is "The Bible Making the World Better." The subject of the sermon is "The Divine Shall." Rev. J. B. Adams Sunday morning subject at the Methodist church is "Happiness and How to Find It." Rev. E. M. Anthony will conduct the combined Epworth league and evening service at 7 o'clock. The subject will be Our Denominational History and Principles. Miss Elsie Marquardt of Groton is spending the week end with Miss Ellen

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